

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus comprising:

- a depositing section for depositing an amount of cash;
- a sector designation section for designating a sector defining whether or not it will be possible to perform withdrawal of said amount deposited by said depositing section after depositing;
- a first management section for managing amount data relating to said amount deposited by said depositing section based on said sector designated by said sector designation section;
- a first housing portion for housing all of said cash deposited by said depositing section so as to be withdrawable by a depositing operator;
- a withdrawal section for withdrawing an amount of said cash housed in said first housing portion based on a predetermined withdrawal instruction;
- a second management section for managing amount data relating to said amount withdrawn by said withdrawal section;
- a second housing portion for housing cash so as not to be withdrawable by said depositing operator; and
- a conveyance section for conveying at least a portion of said cash housed in said first housing portion to said second housing portion ~~based only upon~~ receipt of a predetermined conveyance instruction.

2. (previously presented) The store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising:

- a housed amount management section for managing amount data relating to an amount housed in said first housing portion and an amount housed in said second housing portion based on management data in said first management section and said second management section and amount data relating to an amount conveyed by said conveyance section.

3. (currently amended) ~~The~~A store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus comprising:

a depositing section for depositing an amount of cash;

a sector designation section for designating a sector defining whether or not it will be possible to perform withdrawal of said amount deposited by said depositing section after depositing;

a first management section for managing amount data relating to said amount deposited by said depositing section based on said sector designated by said sector designation section;

a first housing portion for housing said cash deposited by said depositing section so as to be withdrawable by a depositing operator;

a withdrawal section for withdrawing an amount of said cash housed in said first housing portion based on a predetermined withdrawal instruction;

a second management section for managing amount data relating to said amount withdrawn by said withdrawal section;

a second housing portion for housing cash so as not to be withdrawable by said depositing operator; and

a conveyance section for conveying at least a portion of said cash housed in said first housing portion to said second housing portion based on a predetermined conveyance instruction; according to Claim-4

wherein:

said conveyance section comprises a selection section for selecting constituent denominations in such a way that said cash conveyed to and housed in said second housing portion based on said predetermined conveyance instruction is composed of a minimal number of constituent bills or notes.

4. (currently amended) ~~The~~A store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus comprising:

a depositing section for depositing an amount of cash;

a sector designation section for designating a sector defining whether or not it will be possible to perform withdrawal of said amount deposited by said depositing section after depositing;

a first management section for managing amount data relating to said amount deposited by said depositing section based on said sector designated by said sector designation section;

a first housing portion for housing said cash deposited by said depositing section so as to be withdrawable by a depositing operator;

a withdrawal section for withdrawing an amount of said cash housed in said first housing portion based on a predetermined withdrawal instruction;

a second management section for managing amount data relating to said amount withdrawn by said withdrawal section;

a second housing portion for housing cash so as not to be withdrawable by said depositing operator; and

a conveyance section for conveying at least a portion of said cash housed in said first housing portion to said second housing portion based on a predetermined conveyance instruction;~~according to Claim 1~~

wherein:

said predetermined conveyance instruction includes an instruction relating to an amount to be conveyed by said conveyance section,

said amount to be conveyed according to said predetermined conveyance instruction being set based on amount data based on said sector designated as being not withdrawable managed by said first management section or set based on amount data determined by an input operation.

5. (previously presented) The store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein:

said withdrawal section is able to withdraw cash exceeding amount data based on said sector designated as being withdrawable managed by said first management section in an amount range of cash housed in said first housing portion.

6. (previously presented) The store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a transmitter-receiver section for transmitting and receiving administrative information managed by said first management section or said second management section to and from an external apparatus.

7. (previously presented) The store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a cash collection authority management section for differentiating between and

managing authority to collect said cash housed in said first housing portion and authority to collect said cash housed in said second housing portion.

8. (previously presented) The store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising:
an external control apparatus enabling control from outside.

9. (currently amended) A store cash depositing and dispensing system comprising:
a center computer being a computer at a center for performing cash collection and delivery services; and

a store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus being disposed in a store and being connected to said center computer by means of a communication line, said store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus comprising:

a depositing section for depositing an amount of cash;

a sector designation section for designating a sector defining whether or not it will be possible to perform withdrawal of said amount deposited by said depositing section after depositing;

a first management section for managing amount data relating to said amount deposited by said depositing section based on said sector designated by said sector designation section;

a first housing portion for housing all of said cash deposited by said depositing section so as to be withdrawable by a depositing operator;

a withdrawal section for withdrawing an amount of said cash housed in said first housing portion based on a predetermined withdrawal instruction;

a second management section for managing amount data relating to said amount withdrawn by said withdrawal section;

a second housing portion for housing cash so as not to be withdrawable by said depositing operator; and

a conveyance section for conveying at least a portion of said cash housed in said first housing portion to said second housing portion ~~based on~~ only upon receipt of a predetermined conveyance instruction.

10. (currently amended) A store cash depositing and dispensing management method in which cash is managed by a store cash depositing and dispensing apparatus disposed in a store, said store cash depositing and dispensing management method comprising:

housing an amount of cash after designating a sector defining whether or not it will be possible to perform withdrawal after depositing said cash and depositing all of said cash in a first housing portion in which said cash is withdrawable by a depositing operator;

managing amount data relating to said deposited amount based on said designated sector;

managing amount data relating to an amount of cash withdrawn when withdrawing cash housed in said first housing portion based on a withdrawal instruction; and

conveying at least a portion of said cash housed in said first housing portion to a second housing portion in which said cash is not withdrawable by said depositing operator and housing said cash in said second housing portion ~~based on~~ only upon receipt of a predetermined conveyance instruction.